



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Tuesday - June 26, 2001

- ***In the West***, cooler-than-normal weather and widespread showers are aiding pastures and dryland crops. Showers across the ***Southwest*** signal the early arrival of seasonal precipitation.
- ***On the Plains***, warm, mostly dry weather continues to favor winter wheat harvesting and summer crop development from ***Kansas southward***, although soil moisture is becoming limited in ***Texas*** and adjacent areas. Across the ***northern half of the region***, warm weather and scattered showers favor summer crops and filling winter grains, although lingering drought effects persist on the ***northern High Plains***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, scattered showers are developing across ***western areas***, where pockets of unfavorable wetness continue to disrupt fieldwork. Elsewhere in the region, including the ***Ohio Valley***, warm weather and isolated showers are promoting summer crop development and causing only minor winter wheat harvest delays.
- ***In the South***, isolated showers are benefiting summer crops and further reducing long-term rainfall deficits in areas ***east of the Delta***. Farther west, moisture levels vary sharply, ranging from unfavorable dryness in parts of ***Arkansas and Texas***, to saturation in areas from ***southeastern Texas to southern Mississippi***.

Outlook: For the remainder of the week, occasional showers are forecast to continue in the ***Northwest*** and in a band from the ***Southwest to the northern Plains and western Corn Belt***. Isolated showers are expected from the ***Ohio Valley southward***, while mostly dry weather will prevail across the ***south-central U.S.*** The NWS 6-10 day outlook for July 1-5 calls for a return to hot weather across much of the ***West***. Above-normal temperatures are also forecast to overspread the ***northern and central Plains and western Corn Belt***, while cooler-than-normal weather is expected in ***New England*** and across ***southern Texas***. Wet weather is forecast in the ***northern Corn Belt*** and across the ***South***, except in ***southern Florida***. Drier-than-normal weather is expected on the ***northern and central Plains and in New England***.

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